

The results of the Score and Rank Process were:

### **TOP ISSUES**

1. Teen Alcohol and Drug Abuse
2. Heart Conditions
3. Adult Alcohol Abuse
4. Unemployment
- 4) High Blood Pressure
- 5) Adult Drug Abuse
- 6) Cancer
- 7) Tobacco Use
- 8) Obesity
- 9) Teen Pregnancy
- 10) Arthritis
- 11) Health Problems of the Lungs

At this point in the prioritization process, the Clay County Health Council members performed the PEARL TEST. Once health problems have been rated for size, seriousness and effectiveness of available interventions, they should be judged on the factors of: Propriety, Economics, Aceptability, Resources and Legality. The initial letters of these factors make up the acronym **PEARL**. The PEARL TEST is an additional way to gain a consensus of the council for the priority issue. The following is a brief description of the PEARL TEST.

<b><i>Propriety:</i></b>	Is a Program for the health problem suitable?
<b><i>Economics:</i></b>	Does it make economic sense to address the problem? Are there economic consequences if a problem is not carried out?
<b><i>Acceptability:</i></b>	Will the community accept a program? Is it wanted?
<b><i>Resources:</i></b>	Is funding available or potentially available for a program?
<b><i>Legality:</i></b>	Do current laws allow program activities to be implemented?

The top issues according to the PEARL Test were:

- 1) Teen Alcohol and Drug Abuse**
- 2) Adult Drug Abuse**
- 3) Adult Alcohol Abuse**

This council decided to focus on Alcohol and Drug Abuse issues as a whole. The council discussed peer pressure and family life as two factors contributing to problems associated with alcohol and drug abuse.